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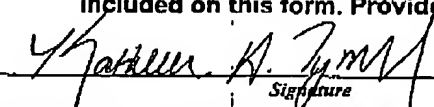
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Applicant(s): Laurencin et al.					
Application No. 10/052,121	Filing Date January 17, 2002	Examiner Naff, David M.	Customer No. 26259	Group Art Unit 1651	Confirmation No. 1682
Invention: Biocompatible, Biodegradable Polymer-Based Lighter Than or Light as Water Scaffolds for Tissue Engineering and Methods for Preparation and Use Thereof					
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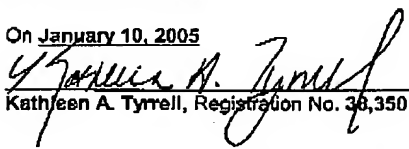
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Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2004
setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please
enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

Amendments to the specification begin at page 2.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9.